

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated October 4, 2005. Claims 92-96 are pending in this application, of which Claims 92 and 96 are in independent form. Claims 66-68, 70-74 and 89-91 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing Claims 92-96.

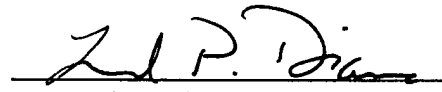
Claims 66-68 and 89-91 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,521,719 (Yamada); and Claims 70-74 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. Claims 66-68, 70-74 and 89-91 have all been cancelled, and the remaining claims have been allowed, as noted above. The foregoing actions have been taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding correctness of the rejections and objections, but rather strictly to obtain an earlier allowance and to expedite issuance. In particular, it is Applicant's current intention to file a divisional application, to pursue the subject matter of the rejected claims.

This Amendment After Final Action is believed clearly to place this application in condition for allowance and its entry is therefore believed proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Entry of this Amendment After Final Action, as an earnest effort to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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